ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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(Attention:
Mr. Rozanus)

MR. C. C. MOORE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Glass
1 - Mr. Dunn

Pursuant to your instructions, information is set forth below regarding knowledge by former Attorney General Nicholas de Katzenbach of electronic coverage on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although we have no specific data in our files showing that Katzenbach authorized a telephone surveillance on King himself, there is ample information showing Katzenbach was well aware of our electronic coverage on King and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated 10/27/65 (initialed by Katzenbach in the upper right hand corner) showing we had a telephone surveillance on King's organization, the SCLC. Also attached is a copy of a memorandum 12/1/65 to the Attorney General regarding electronic coverage on King at the Americana Hotel in New York City. In response to this 12/1/65 memorandum, there is attached a copy of a note from Katzenbach to the Director stating, "Obviously, these are particularly delicate surveillances and we should be very cautious in terms of the non-FBI people who may from time to time necessarily be involved in some aspect of installation."

Copies are attached of nine memoranda to the Attorney General dated 10/20/64, 10/22/64, 11/3/64, 11/6/64, 11/12/64, 11/23/64, 12/17/64, 12/31/64, and 2/23/65. These set forth for Katzenbach's information valuable data developed on King. The data involved was derived from electronic coverage on King and the SCLC.

ACTION:

For information.

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